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FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

FELLOW MEMBERS :—

The Committee would like to draw the special attention of all members to the meetings remaining to be held this year. It is most desirable that there should be a good attendance at these meetings as all are of such interest as to justify the Committee in once more asking members to keep them in mind.

This year's meetings are as follows :—

Wednesday, Nov. 28th, "Cromwell—The Greatest Englishman of His Time," Mr. Fred. H. Hill.

Saturday, Dec 1st, "The Water Supply of the Burnley Basin" (being an application of Geology and Meteorology to Economics), Mr. A Wilmore, F.G.S.

Wednesday, Dec. 5th, "Old English Ballads" (with Illustrations), Mr. Robert Watson (Organist of Trinity Church).

Wednesday, Dec. 12th, "The Most Important Fact in Nature," Mr. J. W. Bamber (Accrington Naturalists' Society).

Wednesday, Dec. 19th, Concert.

The meetings already held this season have been of a most satisfactory nature. Certainly the attendance at some of them might have been better, but apart from this the papers already read have been notable either for the excellent manner in which they have been given and illustrated, or for the really good discussions to which they have given rise. The Committee also take this opportunity of saying that ladies are always welcome at the meetings and that members can bring friends either to the meetings or to the rooms whenever open.

THE PROPOSED BAZAAR.

For some time back it has been felt that something definite should be done in order to raise funds for (1) Paying off all accounts against the Society, (2) For making certain alterations for the comfort of members and for the better arrangement, classification and display of those Antiquities, Natural History specimens and other objects of interest which the Society possesses, (3) For the provision of a fund which would enable the members to take steps whenever they thought desirable, to obtain permanent premises for the Society. With this object in view, the President provided a tea on Oct. 20th., at which 62 members and friends were present. The proceeds of this have been handed over as the beginning of the Bazaar fund, and on the same date a number of ladies undertook to begin a working party for the purpose of providing made-up articles for sale at the bazaar. For those ladies who are at liberty, a meeting will be held each Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Scar House, and for those who can only attend in the evenings there will be a working party at 7-30 or earlier on each Thursday night. The Committee trust that a large number of ladies will give in their names in addition to those who have already done so, as workers for an object which will not only put the Society on a sound footing, but which will enable it to do more useful work than it has hitherto been able to do, and to become a permanent factor in the intellectual life of the town.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following gentlemen have been elected members of the Society :—

Mr. Albert Hanley, Habergham.

Mr. Whitehead, Padiham Road, Burnley.

Mr. Williams, 114, Abel Street, Burnley.

Mr. L. Halstead, Worsthorpe.

Mr. J. W. Houlden, Cemetery House.

Mr. E. Williams, Burnley.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Committee beg to give notice that the meeting fixed for Dec. 12th shall be declared **Special**, in order that the names of the following gentlemen may be submitted for election as Honorary Members of the Society.

John Garstang, B.A. (Egyptian Research Account).

Stephen Clarke (Clitheroe) Author of "Clitheroe in its Coaching Days," and "Clitheroe in its Railway Days."

Copies of Mr. Clarke's works have been received by the Society from the Author, and the valuable collection of Egyptian Antiquities from Abydos in Upper Egypt, and presented to the Society by the discoverer, Mr. Garstang, are now exhibited in four new cases specially made for them. These cases will cost between five and six pounds and will be paid for in the course of a few weeks. The Committee will be glad to receive contributions—however small—towards the cost of those cases, as it is felt that they should be paid for as early as possible.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

All subscriptions for the year are now due and the Committee trust that they may be paid as soon as possible—either to the General Secretary or to the Hon. Collector, Mr. W. Evans, Outwood Grove, Todmorden Road, Burnley.

GIFTS.

In addition to the Collection of Egyptian Antiquities of date 2,500 B.C. to 300 B.C. presented to the Society by Mr. Garstang, the following gifts have been made and the Committee beg to thank the donors in the name of the members.

NAME.	GIFT.
1 Mr. F. C. Long	4 Cases of Marine Shells.
2 „ W. Middleton	Large piece of Flint.
3 Mr. & Mrs. Stuttard	Lizard, Snakes, etc.
4 Mr. J. R. Lee	Pieces of Worked Flint found in Ightenhill.
5 „ W. Waddington	Letters of Lancashire Authors.
6 „ John Radcliffe	Framed Chess Board and Copy of Josephus.
7 „ Robert Radcliffe	Fine Specimen of Brain Coral.
8 „ Abraham Stansfield	Letter of G. Linneaus Banks.
9 „ C. R. Ritchings	2 Pictures in Glass of 18th Century.
10 „ Joseph Gordon	Portrait of Dante.
11 „ John Cherry, Gunnarside Lodge, Swaledale.	Flint Arrowhead.
12 „ J. H. Alderson	Flint Arrowhead.
13 „ J. Hargreaves	Long-eared Bat caught in Pendle Forest.

MICROSCOPIC WORK IN BURNLEY.

Another matter which has been receiving the attention of the Committee lately is that of Microscopy, and the work that our Microscopic Section can do. Probably there are not less than a dozen microscopes in the hands of members, yet the opportunities for meeting of those who have instruments are very few. And how many others do members know who are not of the Society, and who are—or were—interested in the use of the microscope, but who for want of intercourse with fellow-workers have allowed that interest to flag. As is well known to members, our Microscopic Section has had considerable experience in the manipulation of the microscope, and in staining and mounting objects for examination, it may be safely said that in this department of work the members of the Microscopic Section have little reason to fear comparison with anyone—either professional or amateur. It is proposed then that the skill and experience of these members of the Society shall be made use of for the benefit of those workers—either inside or outside the Society—who desire to cultivate a fuller knowledge of microscopy. With this object in view, Messrs. L. Heap, C. R. Ritchings and S. Simpson have decided to meet in the Society's large room at 3-30 on the first Saturday in every month—and oftener if found desirable—and they invite members to attend. They also extend an invitation to all who are interested in the use of the microscope—whether they be members of the Society or not. To members and non-members alike who desire it, will lessons be given in the preparation of objects, and in the study of the low forms of life around us. Short papers will be occasionally given and some of these will be illustrated by the lantern. But above all, the members of this section ask to be allowed to be helpful, and other members who know of any solitary microscopic workers would do well if they could induce them to meet our microscopists in the Society's rooms on the dates named. And this they can do without becoming members of the Society—a fact which should be kept in mind by those who may be acquainted with some who might accept an invitation to meet in our rooms if it were clearly understood that they were at liberty to become members of the Society or not just as they choose, and that availing themselves of the Microscopic Section's offer of help will not involve anyone in any obligation whatever.

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